

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CHERYL CHOW AND PROCLAIMING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012, AS "CHERYL CHOW DAY."

WHEREAS, Cheryl Chow has lived her life with a relentless commitment to youth; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl has helped countless others achieve their dreams through coaching and mentoring, serving as a teacher, a principal, an administrator, a non-profit leader and as a school board member and city council member; and

WHEREAS, at the age of six Cheryl became the official mascot of the Seattle Chinese Community Club Girl's Drill Team, serving later as banner girl, drummer, marcher, captain and as an adult instructor for the drill team over a 47-year commitment; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl has been a 30-year volunteer coach for various youth basketball leagues and is known for her tenacious leadership on the court; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl has demonstrated her love of community through her work at the Girl Scouts of Western Washington, and through pedaling the American Lung Association Bike Rides and the Seattle-to-Portland ride; and

WHEREAS, the graduate of Bailey-Gatzert, Washington Junior High and Franklin High School (Go, Quakers!) devoted herself to excellence in public education by teaching and serving as a principal for 18 years in Seattle Public Schools, then working as assistant superintendent with the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1986 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl served as a Seattle City Councilmember from 1990-1997 and left her mark as a powerful advocate for our city's youth, Seattle Center, and Downtown revitalization, and her willingness to be a fifth vote on issues no matter how controversial; and

WHEREAS, at City Council Cheryl was notorious for her detailed notes at the dais, her color coded markers, putting everyone around her through her personality color test (red, brown, green, blue), and not so subtly enlisting new fans and coaches for drill team and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl waged a quiet protest of the lack of restroom equity for female City Councilmembers on the 11th floor in the old Municipal Building by simply using the men's restroom; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl followed her greatest passion – education – by serving as a member of the Seattle School Board from 2005-2009, helping to pull the District together during a difficult time and providing critically needed leadership; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Chow is dedicated to sports and fitness and anybody would be envious of her array of athletic shoes -- running shoes, basketball shoes, tennis shoes, aerobic shoes, cycling shoes, water sandals, golf shoes, cross trainers, walking shoes, shoes for indoor or outdoor courts, high tops, lace-ups,

slip-ons, leather shoes, canvas shoes, hiking boots, ski boots, and shoes of every color in the rainbow and every maker; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Chow is a talented communicator known for her direct, but humorous style letting you know exactly what she stood for and where you stood with her thanks to succinct sayings like "no surprises," "walk and talk," "family and friends first," "no tofu"; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl always carried out her work with drive, compassion and a wicked sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, former colleagues, students and team members continue to recognize and celebrate Cheryl decades after she worked with, taught or coached them; and

WHEREAS, after a career of standing up for families and children, Cheryl is so proud of the love and support of her family, partner Sarah and daughter Liliana, who at age four marched with the drill team in Cheryl's childhood uniform, as the "mascot," just as Cheryl did 60 years ago;

***NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING, PROCLAIMS THAT:***

September 17, 2012, is "Cheryl Chow Day"

in Seattle, and calls on all members of our community to honor Cheryl Chow by following her life's philosophy: "Nurture the children and pass on traditions and values that will make the next generation successful."



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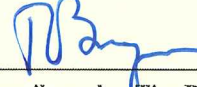
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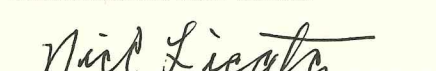
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